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Performance of ICARâ€™s Institutes/ Agricultural Universities
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of Agricultural Universities and Institutes under ICAR and if so, the details of the outcome thereof;

(b) whether there is any funds sanctioned by the Government for agriculture training in different categories for various universities in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details of funds sanctioned by the Government to the State for the purpose of training and establishments during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) Yes, Madam. The review of the performance of Institute under ICAR is a continuous process and is done by the Research Advisory Committees (RAC) comprising of eminent scientists from outside the ICAR system and expert members drawn from both within National Agricultural Research System and from leading NGOs and private sector. In addition, the Quinquennial Review Teams (QRTs) are also constituted by Department to evaluate the functioning of the Institutes including their research agenda every five years. In addition, all the Institutes have their own Institute Research Committee (IRC) for reviewing the progress of research projects every six months. The suggestions given by RACs and QRTs, duly approved by the Competent Authority, are implemented through Institute Management Committee, Plan EFCs etc. for improvement of the on-going research programmes as well as formulating new programmes and to strengthen supportive infrastructural & other facilities of the institutes enabling them to address various agricultural issues in a holistic manner.

ICAR also reviews the quality of Agricultural Education of the Agricultural Universities based on their request for accreditation from the ICAR. As on date 60 Agricultural Universities have been accredited. Accreditation is a continuous process and a robust monitoring and review system is in place for monitoring the performance of Agricultural Universities.

(b) During the year 2016-17, ICAR has implemented "Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Unnat Krishi Shiksha Yojna" (PDDUUKSY) for farmers. Under this programme 100 training centres have been established across the country to train farmers in Organic Farming/Natural Farming/Cow Based Economy. Out of 100 training centres, two training centres have been established in Andhra Pradesh under the supervision of Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad and Indian Institute of Oilseed Research, Hyderabad.

(c) A total of ` 10 lakhs has been sanctioned for conducting 10 training programmes with 30 farmers/training. Overall 300 farmers will be trained in Andhra Pradesh through these training centres in Organic Farming/Natural Farming/Cow Based Economy during 2016-17.

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